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FOR BRAY FROM AMBASSADOR

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1. RE PARA TWO REFTEL, FONMIN CALVANI SUGGESTS MOST APPROPRIATE FORUM WOULD BE AT LUNCHEON WHICH HE OR PRESIDENT CALDERA WILL TENDER SECRETARY ON TUESDAY, MAY 15. WHETHER IN PRESIDENTIAL PALACE OR IN CASE AMARILLA (THE FOREIGN MINISTRY) , BOTH PLACES ARE IDEAL IN TERMS OF PRESTIGE, CONSIDERATION FOR VENEZUELAN NATIONAL PRIDE, AND ABSOLUTE SECURITY. FURTHERMORE, EITHER PALACE LENDS ITSELF EXTREMELY WELL TO TELEVISION COVERAGE. I VERY MUCH HOPE ACCORDINGLY THAT SECRETARY WILL UTILIZE THIS FIRST STOP IN SOUTH AMERICA FOR HIS MAJOR ADDRESS. ONE INTRODUCTORY THEME IN RESPONDING TO PRESIDENTIAL TOAST WOULD BE TO RECALL THAT THE SOUTH AMERICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENT UNDER LEADERSHIP OF MIRANDA AND BOLIVAR BEGAN IN CARACAS.

2. IF SECRETARY SHOULD DESIRE A PRESS CONFERENCE, THIS COULD BE HELD EITHER AT FOREIGN MINISTRY FOLLOWING LUNCHEON OR, I THINK PREFERABLY (SINCE HE WOULD BE ON AMERICAN GROUND), ON BROAD TERRACE OF THE EMBASSY RESIDENCE,
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